

State of Vermont
Public Service Board

Request for Proposal and Comment for)
Implementing temporary sound-level)
Standards for wind generation projects)

TO: Holly Anderson, Deputy Clerk of the Board

FROM: Brenda Mammoliti

RE: Request for Proposals and Comments for Implementing temporary sound-level
For wind generation projects

DATE: June 27, 2016

We are replying to a request from the Public Service Board requesting proposals and comments to guide the development of a temporary rule for sound levels from wind generation facilities.

We are the couple that live besides the Wind Turbine in Vergennes, VT. Our docket # is : **CPG # NM-1646**. We started complaining about the noise as soon as the turbine went up. We invite all who read this to read through our docket and see what we have been going through since this turbine was put up. We also invite anyone who wants to come and view the turbine in action to feel free to come down.

Back in January 2014 we had a hearing with the PSB where we could ask Green Mountain Power Questions. One of the questions that we asked Don Lorraine of Green Mountain Power was whether or not there was any site evaluation done before the turbine went up. Mr. Lorraine replied "No there was no site evaluation done." You should have seen the expressions on the faces of the PSB Members that were there. It was a look of shock. But as we all know the turbine is still operating.

We have tried to explain many times why the turbine should not have been put up. Behind our house on 16 High Street is state land and it is a wet land. It is very flat. When the turbine is spinning excessively, the sound is very loud. It is like a sound chamber that bounces off the back of our house and the garage and it resonates all around the back yard. It is like being inside a stereo speaker. We have to close our windows. Even with our windows closed we can still hear it inside our house. We get headaches all the time and some nights cannot sleep due to the excess noise of the turbine. It has affected our health because of lack of sleep and constant headaches.

The other thing that affects the sound of the turbine is water or ice on the blades. When water or ice collects on the blades they make the blades vibrate more which makes the noise that is coming from the turbine a lot louder. We have mentioned this several times to the Public Service Board but again they do nothing about it.

Also if you read our Docket, you can see that we complained about the sound monitoring that was done. You can see when the sound monitoring test was done on our property that we disagreed with what the report said. The sound test was suppose to be done for 2 weeks and it was taken away in 10 days. The sound monitoring company asked us to keep a log and to speak into the microphone and keep a log of when the noise was excessive. We did as they asked. In our log that we gave them and that we sent to the Public Service Board you can clearly see that there was a period of time for 3-4 days that the noise was extremely excessive. It was during a weekend when we had a couple of snow storms. When the sound monitoring report came out, it was reported that those days the turbine was shut down. That was not true because those were the days when we complained in the microphone and the sound logs about the excessive noise. We brought this up to the Public Service Board many times in written communications but they ignored us.

We have complained many times to Senator Ayer, Senator, Bray, Diane Lanpher and Mr. VanWyck. The only one who responded back to us and came to visit to see what sound issues we are experiencing has been Mr. Van Wyck. The others have no idea of what our issues are or seem to care what is going on.

Our proposal under Section 12(b)(3) is :

1. A site evaluation has to be done for all wind turbine projects. Public Service Board should be required to visit each site
2. Sound should not be over 10 decibels.
3. Turbine should not be put up when there are houses that are less than 1200 feet away.
4. There needs to be something done about the snow and rain that get on the blades making them vibrate. If nothing can be done then Turbine should be shut down during storms.
5. There needs to be rules put in place that if the Company that owns the Turbine and there is a complaint made by an individual about excessive noise, how quickly they are suppose to reply back to the person making the complaint. Also every time a complaint gets made the company should send notice to the Public Service Board and a Board that looks into the complaints that are being made by Vermonters. Right now the Public Service Board is not listening. We have complained several times to Green Mountain Power but got no response. We send letters to the Public Service Board about getting no response from Green Mountain Power but nothing happens.
6. We need to make sure that we included existing wind turbine sites in these new rules

When the signing of the new "Bill" that was passed after S.230 got vetoed by the governor in Middlebury, VT, there was not mention of what needed to get done to help out the Vermonters that are still being dealing with excessive noise. The only thing that was said was how great this S.260 Bill was and how it keeps us on the right track to meeting our goal for being more green. Why don't the representatives in our state listen to "the people" and not the "Big Businesses". Why does any person have to suffer for this?

Senator, Ayer, Senator Bray and Diane Lanpher all walked past me at the signing and did not even come up and say "Hi". What would that say to any of you? What is says to my husband and I is that the State of Vermont has lost the focus of what is important and that is "all the people" that live it in and not just a few.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Brenda Mammoliti".

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